

Dear parent/carer

9th September 2020

Let me start by saying that I am so happy to be welcoming back our 'Rosehill children' (I have missed you all!) - I am especially delighted to say, that we will be continuing our '**Forest School Adventures**' together once again!

Safety measures have been put in place, in accordance with government guidelines, due to the current Covid situation.

You can be rest assured that every possible effort has been made to ensure every experience your child/children encounters, whilst at forest school, is as safe as possible.

Forest school sessions are due to commence on **Monday 14th September 2020**, please see the timetable attached with this letter, that will be in place until Christmas.

Understandably, with the current climate of ever evolving and changing guidelines, we are aspiring to achieve the safest possible solutions for children and staff at Rosehill during these trying times.

For Years 1 to 6

Children **come to school dressed ready for forest school** on their given day. However, please can your child/children **wear their normal shoes to school** and bring their **wellies/boots in a named plastic bag**. This is so your child has something warm, clean and dry to either spend the rest of the day in class, or go home in!

Below is a reminder of essential clothing items for your child/children to wear to keep them **safe, warm and dry!**

Remember, I cannot stress enough, your child/children will more than likely get wet, muddy and dirty so please just use old clothing!

- Long sleeve top
- Long pants (Please, please, please, NO jeans!)
- Extra base layers for warmth (this can be a vest, a t-shirt or two, all weather and temperature dependant. It is far better (in autumn/winter months) to have layers of t-shirts, vests, tops, than just a jumper to keep you warm!)
- Fleece/jumper
- Water proof coat
- Water proof pants
- Hat, gloves, scarf, suntan cream (all weather dependant)
- Their own drinking water bottle (this can be the one that they are already bringing into school, ensuring it is named)

- Wellington boots or walking boots, something that is going to keep your child's feet warm and dry (extra pair of socks would be a good idea!)

I can appreciate that not everyone has waterproofs. We do have a selection of different size waterproof coats, pants and wellies in our school stores, but as you can appreciate, there is a **limited amount** of stock. If you have any queries about clothing/footwear, then I am more than willing to help as best I can.

So your child remains dry and clean for the remainder of the day it is important that they have waterproof pants and coats (sets can be purchased on Amazon for £12.99).

As regards to any items that are borrowed from school supplies, all clothing items will have been machine washed and stored ready for the next child's use. All wellies will have been wiped and sanitised/sprayed before and after every use.

Nursery and Reception

A separate letter will be issued on Tapestry for Nursery and Reception children only.

Forest school sessions will run on a two-week rota for all children at Rosehill (Nursery-year6).

Your child's teacher will inform you as to which class will be **week 1** or **week 2**, via your child's class dojo or tapestry.

Any queries that you may have regarding Forest School, please do not hesitate to ask- I am more than willing to help in any way I can.

One last thing!

Any donations of wellies, hats, gloves, scarves, waterproofs would be much appreciated and well received. I will be placing a large plastic box outside school (the blue gate entrance) every Friday morning for donations.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Please keep an eye on our school web site to see what your children are experiencing at Rosehill Forest School.

Stay safe!

Kate McGinn

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